IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) A shaft frame, for power looms, having at least one heddle support rail, which is resiliently supported or has a resiliently supported portion, for receiving one or more heddles by extending into a single end eyelet of each heddle; and wherein:

the at least one heddle support rail is supported in a stationary fashion on the frame and; is formed as two support rail portions, embodied as resilient spring legs, pointing away from one another.

8. (Currently Amended) A shaft frame, for power looms, having at least one heddle support rail, which is resiliently supported or has a resiliently supported portion, for receiving one or more heddles by extending into a single end eyelet of each heddle; and wherein

the at least one heddle support rail is formed of two diametrically opposed receiving jibs, which are tensed resiliently away from one another, in order to receive heddle heads without play by extending into a respective heddle end eyelet of a respective heddle.

9. (Currently amended) A shaft frame, for power looms, having at least one heddle support rail, which is resiliently supported or has a resiliently supported portion, for receiving one or more heddles by extending into a single end eyelet of each heddle; and wherein

the at least one heddle support rail is formed of two diametrically opposed parts embodied as receiving jibs for a single end eyelet of heddle heads, of which one jib is supported rigidly on a beam connected to the frame and the other jib is supported movably on the beam counter to at least one spring element.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) The shaft frame according to claim 7, wherein the shaft frame is joined to a drive means at at least three drive points, spaced apart in the transverse direction relative to the direction of motion from one another.

13. (Previously presented) The shaft frame according to claim 8, wherein the shaft frame is joined to a drive means at at least three drive points, spaced apart in the transverse direction relative to the direction of motion from one another.

14. (Previously presented) The shaft frame according to claim 9, wherein the shaft frame is joined to a drive means at at least three drive points, spaced apart in the transverse direction relative to the direction of motion from one another.

15. (Previously presented) The shaft frame according to claim 7, wherein each of the spring legs is generally C-shaped and both spring legs are disposed symmetrically to one another relative to a horizontal plane.

16. (Previously presented) The shaft frame according to claim 9, wherein each of the jibs are generally U-shaped with one longer leg that is supported on the beam, and the spring means is a compression spring.